Union to the Consultative Committee of Plantation Associations, West Bengal. The Charter of Demands which is in 3 parts includes demands for:

(i) Payment of basic wages at Rs. 18/- per day.

(ii) Payment of 92.8 per cent D.A.

(iii) 15 days' casual leave.

(iv) Taking over of mismanaged Gardens.

(v) Nationalisation of wholesale Tea Trade and Tea Auction Centres; and

(vi) Re-plantation of Tea Bushes, etc.

(c) Yes.

(d) According to the Government of West Bengal, the appropriate authority under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, bilateral discussions are being held by the Consultative Committee of Plantation Associations, West Bengal and the Coordination Committee of Plantation Workers' Union on the Charter of Demands.

Purchase of jute crop by Government

859. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to purchase the entire jute crop this year; and

(b) what steps Government contemplate to prevent distress sale of jute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Jute Corporation of India will purchase whatever quantity of raw jute is offered to it for sale at the minimum statutory price fixed by the Government.

(b) The following steps have been taken in the interests of jute growers:

(i) Statutory minimum prices of raw jute were announced in March, 1986 before the sowing seasons for the first time.

(ii) JCI and cooperatives, acting as agents of JCI, have decided to operate through the same number of purchasing centres as during previous season.

(iii) JCI is giving wide publicity to its support operations and advising growers not to make any distress sale of raw jute to middlemen below statutory minimum price.

Inspection of United Industrial Bank by RBI

860. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India had carried out inspection regarding the working of the United Industrial Bank and submitted its report in Apdil, 1982;

(b) if so, whether there has been any adverse comments about the working of the Bank in the report;

(c) if so, what are the details therefore; and

(d) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) As a part of its regular inspection programme, an inspection had been carried out by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the provisions of